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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of ) **MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE**  
Keiji Yano )  
Application No.: 09/830,686 ) Group Art Unit: 3721  
Filed: August 3, 2001 ) Examiner: Paul R. Durand  
For: HEAT-SEALING DEVICE ) Confirmation No.: 9925  
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**REQUEST TO COMPLETE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reviewing the application identified above upon allowance, the undersigned has noted the following discrepancies:

This application was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 as a U.S. national stage application based on an earlier filed international application. The Notice of Acceptance of Application (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) issued on October 4, 2001 in connection with this U.S. national stage application identifies the items received for this application and notes in particular receipt of a copy of the International Search Report and copies of the references cited in the International Search Report (JP 58-134744, JP 2-45308, JP 2-120380 and JP 9-323708). It is understood that the references cited in the International Search Report have been considered by the Examiner as required by § 1893.03(g) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. That section of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure also states that the Examiner will note consideration of the references in the first office action. That has not been done here. The Examiner is thus respectfully requested to issue a communication confirming consideration of the references cited in the International Search Report.

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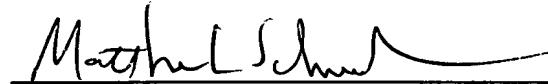
Should any questions arise in connection with this matter, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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